## NOTICE OF EMERGENCY CHANGES TO THE 2010 UTAH ANTLERLESS GUIDEBOOK ESTABLISHED BY THE WILDLIFE BOARD FOR TAKING BIG GAME

I, James F. Karpowitz, by authority granted in Section 23-14-8 of the Wildlife Resources Code of Utah, declare an emergency amendment to the 2010 Utah Antlerless Guidebook. The following has been amended:

## PLATEAU, FISHLAKE-THOUSAND LAKES HUNT #582 (Sevier and Wayne Counties)

 Effective November 23, 2010 the antlerless elk hunt on the Plateau, Fishlake-Thousand Lakes unit (hunt # 582) will be canceled.

During the fall and early winter of 2009, 1595 antlerless elk permit holders enjoyed a higher than average success rate on the Plateau, Fishlake wildlife management unit. A significant series of winter storms concentrated the elk for part of the season and an estimated 1053 elk were harvested.

Biologists assumed that harvest rates would return to average levels in 2010, so a total of 1200 antlerless elk permits were approved in three different hunts. One of those hunts has already occurred and the second hunt is in progress. The third hunt is scheduled to start December 13 with 400 permits.

A recent winter storm deposited significant snow cover and the circumstances leading to the higher than average harvest in 2009 appear to be re-occurring.

In light of the circumstances regarding the weather and snow accumulations, UDWR is canceling the third hunt.

The cancellation of this hunt will be an inconvenience to those permit holders, however the Division believes that this conservative approach is in the best interest of the resource.

Except for other emergency changes made since January 1, 2010 all other rules established in the 2010 Antlerless Guidebook remain in effect.

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Director

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of November 2010.

My Commission Expires

3.17.2012

Notary Public